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**Applicant: Paul R. Hickert**

**Serial No.: 10/708,718**

**Filed: 03/19/2004**

**For: Air Barrier Device for Protecting Liquid Fluids in Opened Containers**

**Our Reference No.: 1480.01**

**Art Unit: 3754**

**Examiner: Joseph A. Kaufman**

**Confirmation No.: 2717**

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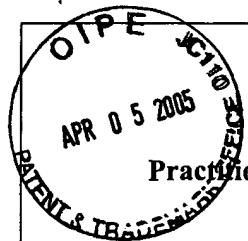
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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 6, 2005, attached please find twenty (20) sheets of formal drawings for this application. Each sheet of drawing indicates the identifying indicia on the front side.

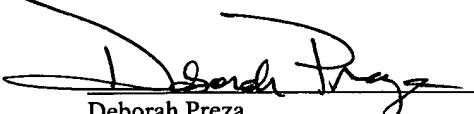
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